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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HONG, YI

Examiner

Anil Khatri

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to request received on 2/18/2005 and claims 16-21 have been amended.

Examiner has withdrawn 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, 2nd rejection on claims 16-21, upon clarification and explanation filled by the applicant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by *Gao et al.* “An Object State Test Model: Object State Diagram”. ACM Proc. Of the 1995 Conference of the Center for Advance Studies on Collaborative Research”, November 1995, pp 1-14.

Regarding claim 16

Gao et al. teaches

- using a computer determining a plurality of graphs of object state transition at K levels lk (page 3, column 2, paragraph 2, “atomic object.. is a finite ...)
- $0 < k < ki$ (page 9, column 1, first paragraph, “in this step... interval state $[1;5]$);
- one or more graphs at level $lk+1$ are expansion of one or more graph at level lk (page 5, column 2, first paragraph, “it is a finite... can be verified”)and
- graphs comprises a plurality of node to represent a corresponding plurality of state of use case and a plurality of edges to represent a corresponding plurality of transition

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between the states (page 5, first column, first paragraph, in the OSD... derived class"); and

- using computer determine a complexity for plurality of graphs (page 9, column 2, first paragraph, "a class is known...orthogonal part").

Regarding claims 17-21

Rejection of claim 16 is incorporated and *Gao et al.* further teaches cited limitations in the claim language which similar to in claim 16, therefore, claims 17-21 are rejected under same rational as claim 16.

Applicant is advised to read the cited art carefully.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil Khatri, Primary Examiner whose telephone number is 571-272-3725. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on 571-272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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